

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 16, 26, 32, 33, 34 and 35 have been amended. Claims 36 – 38 have been cancelled. Claims 39 – 46 have been added. Hence, claims 1, 6, 16, 26, 29, 30, 32 – 35, and 39 – 46 are pending in the application.

Summary of the Office Action

1. Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,270,821, hereafter Samuels, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,946, hereafter Reber, and U.S. Patent No. 5,703,616, hereafter Kawasugi.
2. Claims 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Samuels, in view of Reber and Kawasugi as applied to claim 36, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,121,960.
3. Claims 1, 16, 26, 29, 30, 30, and 32 – 35 have been allowed.

Allowability of All Pending Claims

Claims 36 – 38 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejections of these claims have been rendered moot. No other pending claims have been rejected.

New claims 39, 40, 41, and 42 are computer-readable medium claims with limitations that mirror those of allowed method claims 1, 6, 29, and 30, respectively. Therefore, claims 39, 40, 41, and 42 are allowable for at least the reasons the respective allowed claims are allowable.

New claims 43 - 46 are computer-readable medium claims with limitations that mirror those of allowed method claims 35 – 38, respectively. Therefore, claims 43 - 46 are allowable for at least the reasons the respective allowed claims are allowable.


CONCLUSION

All pending claims have been allowed or are allowable for reasons discussed above. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested by Applicants. Should any issues preclude allowance of this application, Applicant urges the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney at (408) 414-1206. The Office is given permission to charge any unpaid fees to Applicants' deposit account (50-1302).

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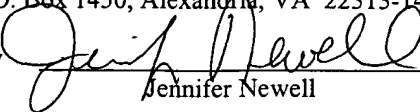
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